



MEETING MINUTES Housing Authority of Mono County

Board of Supervisors Chambers

County Courthouse
Bridgeport, California 93517

REGULAR MEETING

January 13, 2009

1:00 p.m. **Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Byng Hunt**
Commissioners Reid and Bauer were absent.

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Mary Booher: 1) Asked the Commissioners if they would agree to add a section to the agenda for department reports. The Commissioners agreed. 2) Informed the Commissioners that a pipe burst in the Benton house; they are currently working to resolve the problem. Commissioner Hazard: The Housing Authority should consider whether or not to keep the house in Benton since there seems to be too many problems. 3) County Counsel is working on the final version of property management agreement.

1) **Approval of Minutes**
Special Meeting of November 18, 2008.
M09-01 **Farnetti/Hazard, 3-0; Reid and Bauer absent**

2) **Commission Member Reports**
No reports

3) Request by RESCO Development to offer Lupin Street lot in Mammoth Lakes for sale to the County for workforce Housing. **(Mary Booher and Larry Johnston)**
ACTION: Receive presentation regarding request by RESCO Development Company to offer for sale to Mono County the Lupin Street lot in Mammoth Lakes for a workforce housing site. Consider and provide any desired direction to staff.

Mary Booher: There was a negotiation last year with RESCO about giving the lot to the County in lieu of paying fees; RESCO chose to pay the fees. They now want to sell the property to the County for about \$200,000. Booher suggested maintaining the cash on hand rather than purchasing the lot, which would only accommodate three units. Cash will allow the County to choose where to locate housing.

Commissioner Hunt: Asked about an appraisal. Prefers not to consider action without an appraisal. Brian Muir: If the Board decides to buy the property, they will need an appraisal. Commissioner Hazard: The Housing Authority needs the flexibility cash affords. Commissioner Farnetti: There is still a need in Mammoth for affordable housing; the managed units are full.

Larry Johnston: Believes RESCO won't sell the property any time soon. If an appraisal looks favorable, the Board could still act.

Direction from the Commissioners: Retain the cash; request an appraisal, with the understanding that there is no commitment at this time.

4) Update on Mono Basin RPAC Open House regarding Workforce Housing. (Mary Booher and Larry Johnston)

ACTION: Receive report on response from workforce housing Open House held 12/12/08 in Lee Vining; and provide any desired direction to staff.

Mary Booher: Distributed the first draft of comments from the open house. The RPAC will evaluate the comments and make further recommendations. The open house was very successful. The RPAC has put together good information that should help persuade the school district to partner with the county.

Chris Lizza, Chairman, Mono Basin RPAC: Approached DWP a while ago about allowing the use of land in Lee Vining for housing; DWP asked for a specific project. The open house is part of the process of developing a project. The RPAC will analyze locations, pick the top three, and then determine the type of project best for the parcels. They are considering property on the east side of 395 due to potential issues with property on the west side, such as avalanches. Most agencies are aware of the need for affordable housing in Lee Vining. DWP will probably expect the community to participate in the land tenure process.

5) Update on Lee Vining workforce housing-site survey work. (Mary Booher and Larry Johnston)

ACTION: Receive report on status of workforce housing in Lee Vining; and provide any desired direction to staff.

Mary Booher: Received one bid as a result of the RFP; will move forward with a contract. The work should be finished by the end of February. There is money in the housing budget for expenses.

ADJOURN: 1:23 p.m.

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